**Summer Assignment – Freshman Religion**

Welcome to La Salle! We look forward to getting to know you soon and to your getting to know us at La Salle College High School. If you’re new to La Salle, it will be hard for you to appreciate the global family and the 330+-year-old heritage that you are joining, but hopefully you will begin to get a glimpse of both through this summer assignment.

In order to jump start the year in the religion class, we ask that complete this summer assignment. The reflection paper and the content of the booklet (a PDF) and video will be assessed by your teachers in September.

For now, read the booklet *I, John Baptist de La Salle* (***There is a link to the PDF of the booklet on the Summer Assignments webpage.***), view the YouTube video (link below), and prepare the paper as described below. Bring the paper with you to your first religion class the first week of school.

There are two main objectives to this summer assignment. First, we want you to start off with a solid foundation about De La Salle, the Brothers of the Christian Schools, and the worldwide Lasallian Mission today. Second, we ask that you reflect on De La Salle’s faith, the faith of people you know today, and your own faith.

**Assignment Details**

1. As a primer, watch this 8-minute video on YouTube entitled “St. John Baptist de La Salle”: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lUzW0ChEuEk>.
2. Then, read the PDF of the booklet *I, John Baptist de La Salle.* We recommend that you jot down a few key points from the book as you read. You don’t need extensive notes, but short outline will help you when you write your assignment and later when the classroom assessments begin.
3. Write a series of well-crafted paragraphs, i.e. including a topic sentence and conclusion, that describe four (4) important people or events in De La Salle’s life. Make sure you include several details from the booklet to build each of your arguments of why the people or events were so significant.

In the final paragraph, offer a personal reflection. First, reflect on how often De La Salle displayed an absolute profound trust in God’s plan. Now, think about people you know or know of who have displayed trust in God. Describe their trust. Have you ever trusted in God in a similar way? If not, how would you act differently in the future if you were to have that level of trust?

The paper should be typed in a standard (e.g. Calibri, New Times Roman) 12-point font and double-spaced.

When you write the paragraphs, please include a heading for each one that describes the main idea of that paragraph. It should look something like this:

* + (Heading - Important Person/Event #1)
  + (Heading - Important Person/Event #2)
  + (Heading - Important Person/Event #3)
  + (Heading - Important Person/Event #4)
  + Personal Reflection

If you have any questions about this summer assignment, contact Mr. McCabe at [mccabem@lschs.org](mailto:mccabem@lschs.org). Enjoy the summer!